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EL FARO CONDITIONS PROBED IN FINAL HEARING

The U.S. investigation into the deadly sinking of a cargo ship during a 2015 hurricane entered its final hearing on Monday, with ship conditions probed at the start of two weeks of testimony set to examine new detail on El Faro's last hours. The Coast Guard's Marine Board of Investigation, convened only for the most serious accidents, is looking for evidence of negligence or misconduct in



the worst disaster involving a U.S.-flagged vessel in more than three decades. All 33 crew onboard died when the 790-foot El Faro sank during a hurricane on Oct. 1, 2015, two days after leaving Jacksonville, Florida, on a cargo run to Puerto Rico. REUTERS

MAFIA INFORMANT LOSES LAWSUIT AGAINST FBI

A former mafia informant for the FBI who sued his handlers for arresting him in a murder case lost his case after a New York judge ruled there was not enough evidence that the agents had conspired to punish him by falsely charging him. Joseph Barone had sued over his 2009 arrest on what his lawsuit described as "trumped-up charges that he had participated in a murder-for-hire plot," in a case that

offers a glimpse at the sometimes conflicted relationship between informants and their government handlers. A federal jury acquitted him in 2010 after he had spent 19 months in prison, much of it in solitary confinement. Barone, now 55, accused his handlers at the FBI of wanting to punish him for refusing an assignment to trick a gangster from the Gambino crime family into discussing criminal activity over the telephone. REUTERS

US SHOULD EXPAND MISSILE DEFENSE

The United States should expand its missile defense systems given missile testing by North Korea and Iran, the chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee said on Monday. The comments by Republican Representative Mac Thornberry followed new U.S. sanctions against Iran after the Persian country's recent ballistic missile test. The United States is also concerned



North Korea may be preparing to test a new ballistic missile. Thornberry's position was a

sign of support in Congress for military spending to counter the threat from North Korea after U.S. President Donald Trump on the presidential campaign trail raised doubts about future spending to defend allies. REUTERS



METEOR LIGHTS UP NIGHT SKY OVER MIDWEST

A meteor plummeted in a fireball over Lake Michigan early on Monday, lighting up the night sky in bright blue just before scattering over the lake in many pieces, according to a police video and an expert's description. Lisle, Illinois, police officer Jim Dexter recorded the meteor's descent on the dash camera of his patrol car at 1:25 a.m. Aside from Lisle, which is less than 30 miles east of Chicago, and

other parts of Illinois; witnesses reported seeing the meteor from Wisconsin, Michigan and as far away as New York state and the Canadian province of Ontario, according to a description on the website of the American Meteor Society. The meteor's fiery descent is likely to rank as one of the most spectacular events of its kind anywhere in the world this year, Mike Hankey, operations manager for the society, said by phone. REUTERS

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The polarizing talker of an HBO series about mil-

lennials in Brooklyn—yep, we're talking about "Girls"— kicks off its sixth and final season Sunday, Feb. 12. We spoke with actor Alex Karpovsky, who plays Ray Ploshansky, the moral center of sorts in a show of narcissists. "As I understood it, we never wanted to make a show

we never wanted to make a show about mature, balanced, healthy people," Karpovsky says. metro.us/TV \$100!

Every Monday, we pick a random winner from the participants who answered correctly one of the quizzes from the previous week. Congrats to last week's winner, Mary Chapman from Philadelphia.

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Puppies play, drink at Chelsea gay bar

Man's best friend just might be a man in a puppy mask.



On the fourth Friday of each month, the first floor of The Eagle — a gay leather-themed bar in Chelsea — is crawling with puppies.

At any given mo-ment, a handful of puppies will be playing with each other, sleeping on the floor and getting belly rubs, while the rest of them will be standing at the bar drinking. These are not your Westminster dog show pups. These are gay men who enjoy putting on masks and tails and assuming the roles of a dog. The fetish evolved from the gay leather scene nearly 40 years ago as a form of punishment, but today it's something more playful and fun.

It's also been one of the few ways to keep the gay leather scene growing in cities like New York, where gentrification and cost of living have driven out some of the cultural institutions that many in this community feel have dwindled. "Gay bars are our safe places from a hostile world and our refuge. It's just nice to come to a bar — especially a gay leather bar — where I

"Gay bars are our safe places from a hostile world and our refuge."
Vidha Alexander

can find people who are like me," said Vidhra Alexander, 27, one of the more recognized pups in New York.

Alexander is the winner of Northeast Puppy, a contest of sorts that happens every year within the leather community.

"This is where I get to be unapologetically me, versus when I walk down the street I can't just start barking at people," he said.

The puppy fetish began in the late 1970s, when submissive gay men were punished by their more dominant partners. Despite its 40-year history, the puppy scene has only begun

to flourish in the past few years with young gay men like Alexander being the primary audience drawn into the fetish.

"This is an opportunity for people to come and really see what being a puppy can be for them, and maybe experience a different fetish

derground leather scene where people can experience different fetishes, but that's just not the case. We went from 12 leather bars to one."

Though New York has a highly visible kink population compared to other cities — the city hosts the Folsom Street East Street Festival, the East Coast's largest kink street fair, every summer — the number of safe spaces for gay kinky men to indulge in their fetishes have decreased significantly. The last place to close down, Rawhide, was around for 33 years before its rent nearly doubled in 2013, forcing the owners to cease operations.

Alexander and the other pups who gathered at The Eagle last week say their culture is at risk without the leather bar.

" Q u e e r space will always will be needed because we're a culture, we really can't pass our culture down by the typical 'have a kid' kind of way," he said.

And in today's political climate, where many LGBTQ members view the rights they gained over the past eight years at stake under a Donald Trump presidency, gay bars are their safe spaces from the outside world.

Report: Karina Vetrano murder suspect decided to take his rage out on her

Police are revealing what may have led Chanel Lewis to allegedly strangle Queens jogger Karina Vetrano and what in his past could have pointed to

the brutal murder. Five years ago, when the 20-year-old was still in high school, Lewis said he "wanted to bring a knife to school to stab all the girls," the New York Post reported. Lewis never acted on the statement he told a teacher's aide while at Martin De Porres High School, a school for emotionally disturbed students in Rockaway Park, Queens.

That alleged rage may have never been



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resolved, according to DNAinfo, which reported that anger over a noisy neighbor sparked the violence against Vetrano.

During his confession, Lewis told investigators that a neighbor playing music too loud caused him to storm off from his mother's East New York home, sources told the website. When Lewis encountered Vetrano jogging on a path inside Spring Park in Howard Beach on Aug. 2, he al-

they never knew they had," said Damien Basile,

36, who is Alexander's

given to someone who

is paired with a puppy.

"You'd think New York

would have this vast un-

the

term

"handler,"

"I think they faked it,"

Theresa Forbe

legedly decided to take out his rage on her. An official told ABC7 that Lewis said he just "lost it," before strangling the 30-year-old woman.

After six months with no suspect, police began looking into Lewis after checking summonses in the area. The NYPD said Lewis made "detailed, incriminating statements" about Vetrano's killing and then provided a DNA sample that matched genetic material found under her nails.

He has been charged with second-degree murder in Vetrano's death.

Despite the DNA evidence, Lewis' family maintains he's innocent, according to DNAinfo.

"I think they faked it," his sister Theresa Forbes, 36, said.

"He would never do something like this."

Reuters contributed to this report. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

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I am always and forever on the quest of slaying my dragon with a pill, an herb, a tea, a yoga pose and a whiny whimper, "I just want to sleep!

Since I was a child, I've had the hardest time sleeping and an more mountaineven task of waking ous up on time. At night, the rest of the house would be quiet, aside for some Venetian blind-lifting snores from my dad. Yet, I was up reading or lip syncing to the local radio's Hot Nine at Nine.

Night-Time-is-the-Right-Time Kim was so inconsiderate to Next-Morning Kim.

I would hear the alarm clock and my mom yelling that I was going to be late for school, but I would fall back asleep and dream that, dressed in my school uniform, I was sitting at the kitch-en table. By the time I heard my mom's voice again, my sleep-muffled mouth would tell her, "I'm eating oatmeal," when I was still indeed, the queen of Pillow

After sleeping through five alarm clocks, a coffee maker and a pissedoff roommate in college, countless medical tests and assurances from my family doctor that I was too young to be so tired, a former supervisor at my first job as a grownup suggested I get a sleep study.

After more and two sleep studies, with multiple probes stuck to my limbs and medical while scalp professionals watched me sleep via a camera in the room, we figured it out.

Turns out, my sleepy time schedule is so backward, the head of the sleep center at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland said he sees only one person like me a year. Ten percent of the world's population are night owls, so my great-great-great granddaddy caveman must've been the one to sit around and watch the campfire while the rest of the unibrowed grunters slept. (I also inherited his unibrow.)

With a graveyard shift and some carefully placed wax strips, problem solved, right?

But that minx of a mistress would still step away when I needed her

In this series, we aim to figure out life's grandest mystery: Why can't I sleep and how do I make myself just go to bed?

Desperate times have often called for desperate measures, but we'll take a look at some alternative (legal) methods of inducing Zs, so be sure to grab a Metro or go to Metro.us each week for the latest installment.

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Activist lawyers at JFK Airport diner close makeshift office

A alternative office had seen fewer demands from arriving travelers now that President Trump's immigration ban remains suspended.



an airport diner, throngs of lawyers assembled to fight around the clock for detained immigrants and refugees who were blocked from entering the United States last month.

Central Diner, at John F. Kennedy International Airport's Terminal A, was their home for the past week. But now, these teams of attorneys overseen by the American Civil Liberties Union are packing up their makeshift office, The New York Times reported Monday.

The next legal battle against President Donald Trump's executive order banning travelers from seven Muslimmajority nations heads to the courts for its next

Speaking to Metro last week, corporate insurance attorney Priya Gandhi, 31, said she



Lawyers set up provisional headquarters in a café area at JFK Airport in January. A

went to JFK because she "was dumbfounded for what was happening. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

Gandhi, the daughter of Indian immigrants, said she felt particularly compelled to help refugees and their families who were subjected to intense interrogation.

'It reminds me of the civil rights movement, when lawyers were assembling," Gandhi said.

"The legal industry is very competitive, and you have people usually going into courtrooms and arguing with each other. To see them all working side by side, making a difference, it's a beautiful thing to see.'

A federal judge in Seattle blocked Trump's order with by issuing a temporary restraining order late Friday, which blocked nationwide implementation of key

parts of the travel ban. An appeals judge in San Francisco had denied the Trump administration's request for an immediate stay of that restraining order.

By 3 p.m. on Monday, the federal government needed to submit additional justification for Trump's temporary restriction to the appeals court. From there, the case could head all the way to the Supreme Court.



Worried about Trump, asylum seekers walk cold road to Canada

Refugees fearing a worsening climate of xenophobia in the wake of a divisive presidential election are flocking to Canada in growing numbers.

Manitoba's Welcome Place refugee agency helped 91 claimants between Nov. 1 and Jan. 25 - more than the agency normally sees in a year. Most braved the freezing prairie winter to walk into Canada.

'We haven't had something before like this," said Maggie Yeboah, president of the Ghanaian Union of Manitoba, which has helped refugees get medical attention and housing. "We don't know what to do." A temporary restraining order by a judge of President Donald Trump's executive order that blocked nationwide the implementation of key parts of the travel ban has provided a reprieve

for refugees trying to come to the United States.

But Canadian advocacy organizations are bracing for a greater influx of asylum-seekers, driven in part by the contrast between the ruling Liberal government's acceptance of Syrian refuges in Canada with Trump's anti-foreigner rhetoric.

"They will make a dash for Canada, whether they are going to go through cold weather to die or not," said Abdikheir Ahmed, a Somali immigrant in Manitoba's capital Winnipeg who helps refugees make claims. Since late summer, 27 men from Ghana walked to Manitoba from the United States, Yeboah said. Two lost all their fingers to frostbite in December and nearly froze to death.







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US court to hear arguments Tuesday on Trump's travel ban

A U.S. federal appeals court will hear testimony on Tuesday over whether to restore President Donald Trump's temporary travel ban, the most controversial policy of his two-week old administration.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Monday asked lawyers for the states of Washington and Minnesota and the Justice Department to argue whether the ban should remain shelved. The court set oral argument for 3 p.m. PST on Tuesday.

A U.S. district judge in Seattle on Friday suspended Trump's order, opening a window for people from the affected countries to enter.

National security



President Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

veterans, major U.S. technology companies and law enforcement officials from more than a dozen states backed a legal effort against the ban, that temporarily bars entry to the United States of people from seven Muslim-majority countries and halting the U.S. refugee program.

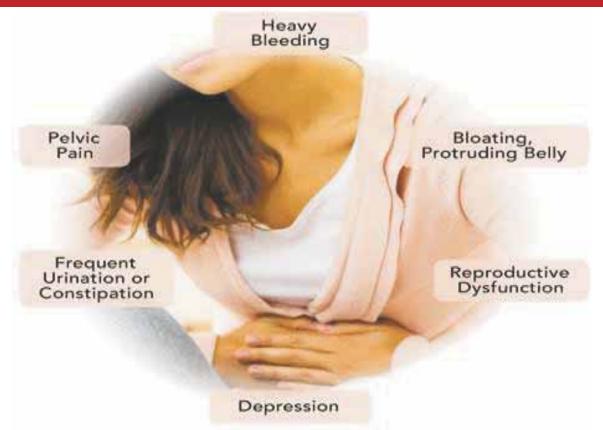
In a brief filed on Monday, the Justice Department said U.S. District Judge James Robart's order on Friday was too broad and "at most" should be limited to people who were already granted entry to the country and were temporarily abroad, or to those who want to leave and return to the United States.

The new Republican president has said the travel measures are to protect the country against the threat of terrorism. Opponents say the 90-day ban is illegal, barring entry for citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen and imposing a 120-day halt to all refugees.

The case may ultimately reach the U.S. Supreme Court. REUTERS



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Baby Boomers May Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the NY Pain MD in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at NY Pain MD because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.

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The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at *NY Pain MD* use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.)can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

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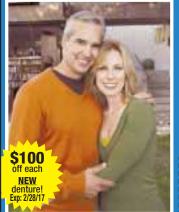
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Lawyer: US could grant final permit for Dakota pipeline as soon as Friday

Proponents believe the pipeline is necessary to transport U.S. oil safely and that it would create jobs.

The U.S. Army secretary could make a decision on the final permit needed to complete the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline as soon as Friday, the government's lawyer told a Washington, D.Č., court on Monday.

The Army Corps of Engineers told the court it has submitted its recommendation to Robert Speer, the acting secretary of the Army, on whether it needs to complete a full environmental ² review before it can grant the final permit allowing work to start on a contested tunnel under a lake. The review was requested in December by former President Barack Obama.

Opponents argue that letting the pipeline cross under Lake Oahe, a reservoir that is the water source for the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, would damage sacred lands and could leak oil into the tribe's water sup-

Jan Hasselman, an attorney with Earthjustice, who represents the Standing Rock Sioux, said the tribe will challenge the U.S. government in court if the Army grants the easement. The tribe, along with other Native American groups, environmentalists and other activists, have opposed the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline led by Energy Transfer Partners LP.

He said it is unclear whether construction could begin while the decision is challenged or



Standing Rock at the Oceti Sakowin Camp in North Dakota GETTY IMAGES

whether the court will grant an injunction blocking the work.

"Our position is the tribe's treaty rights and the law require the full [Environmental Impact Study process that the government initiated in December. Issuing the easement without that process will be a serious violation of the law," Hasselman told Reuters.

A spokesman for the Army was not immediately available to comment. **Energy Transfer Partners** declined to comment on the legal proceedings.





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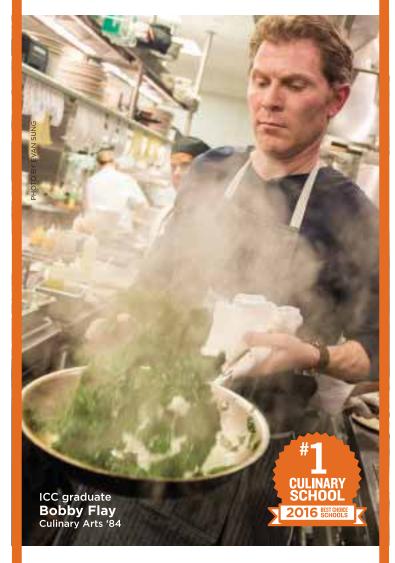
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'Conflicted' Patriots fans donate to civil liberties group as protest against Trump

Fans pledged thousands of dollars to the ACLU and Planned Parenthood to offset Trump's stated admiration for the team.



For some New England Patriots fans, rooting for their favorite team this season has come with some complications.

Just because they believe Tom Brady is the G.O.A.T. — and he showed it in Sunday's Super Bowl victory — doesn't necessarily mean those same fans approve of his friendship with President Donald Trump. It also doesn't mean they want to be associated with other Patriots supporters whose political views they do not share.

So to ensure their cheers came with a clear conscious, Pats fans donated thousands of dollars to service organizations like the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and the Center for American Islamic Relations for every touchdown or individual point the Patriots scored.

So far, fans have contributed more than \$20,000 to good causes.

Emma Sandoe, a doctoral student at Harvard, is one of those ambivalent fans.

Ahead of Super Bowl LI, she and her friend Josh Gondelman, a Bay Stateborn comedian and writer for the HBO comedy, "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver," had an idea.

"He and I were talking about how we have so many conflicted feelings about the game, because of the political polarization happening with the Pats," Sandoe said. "Then we agreed we should do something and he was thinking about donating. We came up with the hashtag ... and just started tweeting about it."



Boston celebrated after the Super Bowl. DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN / METR

"I certainly hope that more people realize that Boston is a very diverse place."

Using #AGoodGame, Sandoe and Gondelman spread the word. It quickly gained momentum, with popular accounts, like Timothy Simons, who plays Jonah Ryan on "Veep," sharing their

pledges.
"When [tweets] started coming in, it felt great because we thought, 'Oh, these are our friends who think this is great idea and are generous," Sandoe said. "Then all sorts of strangers started doing it, snowballing into something that really felt like a community and like everyone was getting involved."

Sandoe has since been trying to add up the impact. She and Gondelman asked those who participated to send them screenshots of their donations.

The tally reached more than \$20,000 after just an hour of counting up receipts, she said.

"But I barely scratched the surface," Sandoe said. She's in the midst of making a spreadsheet with all the info.

Pats fans pledged to help a variety of organizations, including the ACLU, both its national office and Massachusetts chapter, The Center for American Islamic Relations, Planned Parenthood, the Southern Poverty Law Center and their local domestic violence shelters.

It wasn't all about money; fans pledged to volunteer their time or make calls to their representatives as well.

Before kickoff, Trump picked the Patriots to win — a move that sparked reservations for some fans and fears that he "jinxed" their team for others. Patriots tight end Martellus Bennett has already said that he won't visit the White House to celebrate his team's win with Trump.

Brâdy isn't the only Patriots friend of the president. Patriots owner Robert Kraft said he received weekly calls from Trump in the wake of his wife's death in 2011.

Trump watched the Super Bowl from the Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, but reportedly bowed out early when the Pats were still behind. The team's epic rally began in the fourth quarter.

"Hopefully it's an apt metaphor for our country that even though President Trump left his own Super Bowl party in the third quarter, hundreds of people stuck with their team and their principles for what turned out to be both #AGoodGame and a legitimately good game," Gondelman said in an emailed statement.

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NC bathroom law puts NCAA events at risk

North Carolina is close to losing NCAA championship events for six years at a cost of more than \$250 million because of a law that restricts bathroom access for transgender people, a local sports official told state lawmakers on Monday.

The governing body for U.S. college athletics is reviewing bids to host events through spring 2022, including 133 from North Carolina cities and universities, said Scott Dupree, executive director of the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance.

The law known as House Bill 2, which bars transgender people from using government-run restrooms that match



NCAA men's basketball championship **GETTY IMAGES**

their gender identity and limits local nondiscrimination protections, will doom the state's chances, Dupree wrote in a letter.

"Our contacts at the NCAA tell us that, due to their stance on HB 2, all North Carolina bids will be pulled from the review process and removed from consideration," said Dupree, adding he was sharing the information on behalf of the North Carolina Sports Association.

Asked for comment, the NCAA said it expects to announce its site selections for upcoming seasons in April.

The organization in September moved championship events, including two rounds of the prominent Division I men's basketball tournament, from the hoops-loving state for the current academic year in protest at the measure.

"In a matter of days,

our state's sports tourism industry will suffer crushing, long-term losses and will essentially close its doors to NCAA business," Dupree said. "Our window to act is closing rapidly."

Adopted last March by North Carolina's Republican-controlled legislature, the law prompted legal challenges, boycotts by corporations and entertainers, and the relocation of the National Basketball Association's 2017 All-Star Game.

Supporters of the statute cite traditional values and a need for public safety, while opponents deem it discriminatory to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. REUTES



Despite overtime thriller, Super Bowl TV ratings were down. GETTY IMAGES

Super Bowl draws lower TV ratings

Lady Gaga's halftime show drew 117.5 million viewers.

Fox Television's broadcast of Super Bowl LI on Sunday night drew 111.3 million viewers, according to Nielsen data released by the network on Monday, the smallest audience for the National Football League's title game in four years.

The Falcons were in control for much of the game, with a 28-3 lead midway through the third quarter. Viewership surged as the Patriots' pushed the game into overtime, peaking at 117.7 million from 10 p.m. to 10:15 p.m ET

Without the Patriots' rally, ratings would've been even worse for Fox, which still posted the least-viewed Super Bowl since 2013, when 108.7 million watched the Baltimore Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers.

Last year's Super Bowl drew a 111.9 million viewers to CBS, while the Patriots' previous title game appearance in 2015 helped NBC draw 114.4 million viewers, the most-watched TV broadcast in U.S. history.

Despite the lower viewership, the brief overtime, in which the Patriots scored a touchdown in their first possession, allowed Fox to add four more commer-

cials. It is not clear how many more ad dollars Fox was able to get; the network was charging \$5 million for 30-seconds of airtime during the game. Fox brought in an estimated \$509.6 million in ad revenue for the broadcast, according to research firm iSpot.TV.

Advertising took up 23 percent of the broadcast, with 51 minutes and 30 seconds of commercials. That made it the second-most ad-clutered Super Bowl game, according to ad-tracking firm Kantar Media.

The four-year viewer-ship low comes on the heels of a disappointing NFL season that saw ratings decline 9 percent and another 6 percent through the playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl. The NFL's four U.S. TV partners, Fox, NBC, CBS and Walt Disney Co's ESPN, are collectively paying \$5.4 billion per year under their current media rights contracts.

Much of the ratings decline during the season was blamed on the contentious U.S. presidential election drawing interest away, as well as the lackluster quality of play early in the season. Prior to the Nov. 8 election, ratings were down 12 percent, but were only off by 5 percent after, according to analysis by Moffett Nathanson.



British speaker opposes letting Trump address parliament



Britain's Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow GETTY IMAGES

The speaker of Britain's lower house of Parliament said on Monday he would not support any plans for President Donald Trump to address Parliament during a state visit planned for later this year, citing Trump's temporary immigration ban as a factor.

More than 1.8 million people in Britain have signed a petition calling for Trump's planned visit to be canceled or downgraded to avoid embarrassing Queen Elizabeth, part of a grassroots backlash against his immigration policies.

Prime Minister Theresa May has defended the decision to offer a state visit, but more than 150 lawmakers have signed a symbolic motion calling for Trump not to be given the honor of speaking in Parliament.

Asked by an opposition Labour lawmaker about the possibility of a parliamentary address, House of Commons Speaker John Bercow said he shared the concerns.

"As far as this place [Parliament] is concerned, I feel very strongly that our opposition to racism and to sexism and our support for equality before the law and an independent judiciary are hugely important considerations," Bercow said, earning a round of applause from lawmakers.

Trump's executive

order barring entry to the United States for refugees and people from seven Muslim-majority countries has prompted worldwide protests, including by thousands of demonstrators in London.

The temporary immigration ban faced a legal hurdle on Monday that could determine whether he can push through the most controversial and far reaching policy of his first two weeks in office.

As one of the key figures whose approval would be needed for a parliamentary address, Bercow said he would oppose any possible move to invite Trump to speak in either of the two locations which host foreign leaders during state visits.

In 2011, Barack Obama became the first U.S. president to address both houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall, the oldest building in the parliamentary palace, which has also hosted South Africa's Nelson Mandela and France's Charles de Gaulle.

"Before the imposition of the migrant ban, I would myself have been strongly opposed to an address by President Trump in Westminster Hall. After the imposition of the migrant ban by President Trump, I am even more strongly opposed to an address by President Trump in Westminster Hall," Bercow said. BEDITES

"An address by a foreign leader to both houses of Parliament is not an automatic right; it is an earned honor." Berrow

RUSSIAN RELATIONS

Diplomat: US, Russian ministries must restore direct link

One of Russia's top diplomats said on Monday that government ministries in the United States and Russia should restore direct communications channels with each other as part of a first step to rebuild bilateral ties.

President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have both said they would like to try to mend U.S.-Russia relations that slid to a post-Cold War low after Moscow's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

Sergei Ryabkov, Russia's deputy foreign minister, told the Moscow-based Security Index Journal in an interview published on Monday that restoring interministerial and interagency ties between the two countries was now essential.

"A reset in contacts between ministries and agencies in one form or another has long been needed," said Ryabkov, saying contacts had been frozen since 2014.

Ryabkov, in the same interview, said a Russian proposal to discuss cyber security issues at an interagency level with the United States was still on the table.

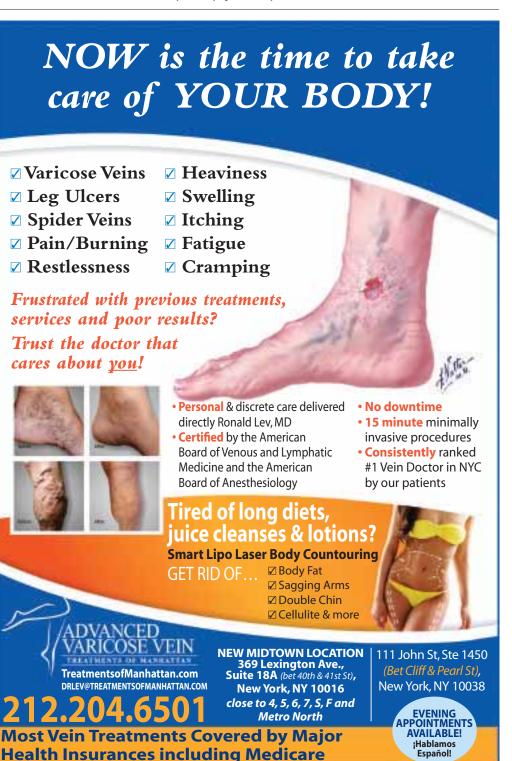
U.S. intelligence agencies accused Moscow of sponsoring computer hackers to try to influence last year's U.S. election in Trump's favor, allegations Russia denies

Ryabkov said Moscow

had many questions on cyber security for U.S. officials, citing hacker attacks on Russian websites.

He also dismissed the idea of Moscow agreeing to make nuclear arms cuts in exchange for sanctions relief.

Trump, in a newspaper interview last month, floated the possibility that U.S. sanctions on Russia imposed over Crimea could be lifted as part of a deal involving nuclear cuts.



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Super Bowl ads score eyeballs with political football

Twitter chatter explodes surrounding commercials with social messages, but celebrity and humor still play a large role in the million-dollar price tag TV spots.

With Americans' attention more finely tuned to the political climate under President Donald Trump, brands that dove headfirst into that conversation generated the most reaction from viewers during Sunday's Super Bowl.

For much of the evening, the chatter around commercials by Airbnb, Coca Cola and Budweiser was more exciting than the Super Bowl itself.

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During the pregame, Coca Cola reaired its ad from the 2014 Super Bowl, which featured "America the Beautiful" sung in different languages, which prompted more than 74,000 tweets. GETTY IMAGES

ish, viewers could exceed the 114.4 million who watched Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, providing a massive audience for advertisers who paid more than \$5 million for 30 seconds of air time.

A teaser for the second season of Netflix hit show "Stranger Things," as well as celebrity-studded and humorous ads from T-Mobile and Proctor & Gamble's Mr. Clean, drew the most attention on social media.

Still, brands such as Airbnb that leaned into subjects of diversity and immigration, by and large sparked the most conversation among viewers. The company's ad, featuring a diverse group of employees touting a message of acceptance, will be seen by many as a criticism of Trump's immigration policies.

Airbnb was one of the last to buy a Super Bowl spot; co-founder Brian Chesky wrote on Twitter they purchased and shot the ad last Thursday.

The commercial was among the most discussed by viewers, generating nearly 78,000 tweets between 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m., data from digital marketing technology company Amobee shows.

Budweiser's spot, telling the story of Anheuser-Busch's immigrant co-founder Adolphus Busch, and Pennsylvania-based building materials company 84 Lumber Co.'s ad were among the most talked about as well.

84 Lumber's commercial had to be reworked after Fox rejected an initial version that featured a border wall, which was in the company's full-length online version.

Amobee data found the sentiment for the ads skewed positive.

Advertisers have been grappling with how to reach consumers in the political climate under Trump, when viewers' increasingly partisan attitudes make it more difficult to market to a broad audience. REUTERS

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Scientists find cropdestroying caterpillar spreading rapidly in Africa

Scientists tracking a crop-destroying caterpillar known as armyworm say it is now spreading rapidly across mainland Africa and could reach tropical Asia and the Mediterranean in the next few years, threatening agricultural trade.

In research released Monday, scientists at the Britain-based Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International said the pest, which had not previously been established outside the Americas, is now expected to spread to the limits of suitable African habitat" within a few years.

The caterpillar destroys young maize plants, attacking their growing points and burrowing into the cobs.

"It likely traveled to

Africa as adults or egg masses on direct com mercial flights and has since been spread within Africa by its own strong flight ability and carried as a contaminant on crop produce," said CABI's chief scientist, Matthew Cock.

Armyworm, known as "fall armyworm" in the United States due to its tendency to migrate there in autumn, or fall, is native to North and South America and can devastate maize, a staple crop crucial to food security in large parts of Africa.

Suspected outbreaks have already erupted in Zambia, Žimbabwe, Malawi and South Africa and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said last week it had spread to Namibia and



South Africa's agriculture ministry said last week it was registering pesticides for use against armyworm. GETTY IMAGE

Mozambique.

The CABI research found evidence of two species of fall armyworm in Ghana for the first time and scientists are now working to understand how it got there, how it spreads, and how farmers can control it in an environmentally friendly way.

'This is the first time it has been shown that both species or strains are established on mainland

Africa," Cook said. "Following earlier reports from Nigeria, Togo and Benin, this shows they are clearly spreading very rapidly."

While armyworm mainly affects maize, it has also been recorded eating more than 100 different plant species, causing major damage to crops such as rice and sugarcane as well as cabbage, beet and soybeans. REUTERS

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Jennifer Lopez posts cryptic Instagram note

Timing is everything. OK, that's not something I would normally say, but now that I've seen this on Jennifer Lopez's Instagram, I don't know, guys. I'm tempted to agree.

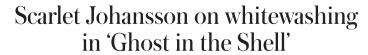
"Timing is everything. If it's meant to happen, it will, and for the right reasons," the post reads. What could this possibly mean?! Could it be a response to recent speculation about the pop star's definitely not fake relationship with Drake? According to Perez, Canada's finest rapper and "Degrassi" alum

was recently spotted getting close with a retired porn star in Amsterdam last week, which, OK. But what does it mean?! I suppose we'll just have to wait and see. In the meantime, I encourage Jennifer Lopez to keep posting really thirsty pics on Instagram because, honestly, she looks great.

Nicole Kidman to write explosive tell-all

Nicole Kidman is finally opening up. The 49-year-old is rumored to be working on a tellall autobiography. And literally? My mouth is watering just thinking about all the goodies. According to Daily Mail, the "Lion" actress has maybe decided this is the time to lift the lid on her very guarded, very private life. And she could earn a cool \$11 million for it which isn't too shabby either. Surely, Kidman will dish on her experiences with ex-husband Tom Cruise and the Church of Scientology, which





Listen, I mostly don't have anything against Scarlett Johansson. In fact, I like her. I long to have her throaty laugh and her deep, husky voice, and I almost get it right whenever I have the flu. But I have some concerns. The bombshell recently sat down with Marie Člaire and talked about being the highest-grossing actress in Hollywood history, struggling for equality as a woman and smuggling her breast pump into the Oscars. Cool! But then she discussed the controversy surrounding her role in "Ghost in the Shell," a film that many critics agree is another instance of Hollywood's classic tendency to whitewash nonwhite characters. Sigh. Whitewash-

er instance of od's classic y to whitewash the characters. Whitewash ing really isn't cute. And neither the want to feel like I was offensive." OK, but no. It's not about

hedging the issue. "I

presume to play another race of a person,"

certainly would never



character. It's about giving opportunities to people of color instead of having a white woman play the Asian lead character in a film based on a manga. Of course, the issue is bigger than just Johansson — but still. At least it's a film with a definitive female lead, I'll give her that. So, yay?





Zayn Malik has a message for all of his, um, haters. The singer and former One Direction boy bander took to Twitter over the weekend to remind everyone that he's here to stay. According to the Daily Mail, the singer has only sporadically appeared on stage, thanks to his struggle with anxiety, and was getting slack for

it in the press.

"I recall someone saying to me a while back music wasn't my thing and maybe I should try something else," the 24-year-old tweeted after hearing the criticism. "I guess we're all good at doing things we shouldn't," he continued, with some festive emojis. I oscillate between being

like, "Hey, why is this guy a thing," and, "This guy is mad talented, but I know way too much about his personal life considering I have never listened to any of his music." Regardless, anxiety is real. And illness should never get in the way of you pursuing your dreams. Anyone who says otherwise is ignorant AF, bye.





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A valentine to immigrants

The new sculpture in Times Square shows the beating heart of the city.



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Times Square is giving a valentine to all the immigrants of New York City.

A new heart-shaped sculpture called Were Strangers Once Too" will be unveiled today on Duffy Square, which won the Times Square Alliance's ninth annual heartthemed design competition for Valentine's Day. It's made up of 33 rods ringed in red and pink bands showing the number of immigrants from over 100 countries who call NYC home. Out of 8.25 million residents, 3.13 million were born in another country, according to 2015's American Community Survey.

'What we wanted to show people is there is incredible richness of cultures that come to New York City, and if [President Donald Trump wants to build a wall he's going to have to build a lot of walls because there's a lot of countries that make this city what it is," says Jer Thorp, a Canadian immigrant and co-founder of The Office for Creative Research, Brooklyn's hybrid artist collective and R&D group that created the sculpture.

The idea for "We Were Strangers Once Too" a phrase taken from a 2014 speech on immigration by former President Barack Obama — came to Creative Researcher Genevieve Hoffman and her team the week after the election. "We were definitely taking into consideration the platform that Trump had campaigned on and how we felt," she

Thorp is quick to point out, however, that the sculpture doesn't take any sides, presenting its facts without any political context in a world domi-

If you go

'We Were Strangers Once Too' Feb. 7-March 5 Duffy Square, Broadway and Seventh Avenue at 46th Street Free, timessquarenyc.org

nated by bias and fake "It's a reminder news: to everybody that unless you're Native American or African-American whose ancestors were brought here against their will, you're an immigrant in some way, and we should remember to sympathize with people because that's what we were.'

Thorp also has a personal wish for "We Were Strangers Once Too.'

"One of the things we hope is this piece, to whatever extent it can, acts as another kind of rallying point," he says. "I don't think anything would make us happier than seeing a big march being centered around it."

Five art exhibits to check out now

'Home: 100 Artists' Ouchi is the Japanese word for "home." And for each of its 10 years in Downtown Brooklyn, Ouchi Gallery has invited 100 artists "to celebrate the meaning of ouchi" for their signature exhibit, "Home." The pieces range from young artists just getting their start to established names like fashion photographer Felicia Van Ham; prices range from \$30-\$2,000. There's also a note of bitter irony: This is the final "Home" show for the gallery before it closes its doors on April 30. Through Feb. 21, noon-6 p.m., free, 170 Tillary St., Suite 105, Brooklyn, ouchigallery.com

'Orbit'

The creative duo known as MPA gave up on Earth back in 2013, when they moved to the California desert to immerse themselves in our future as Mars colonists. The result of their work, "MPA: Red in View" at the Whitney, addresses not just the difficulties of the endeavor, but humanity's complicated history of imperialism, "prompting us to examine our own, often subconscious, colonizing behaviors.' As their grand finale this week, Malin Arnell and



Guests mingle at Ouchi Gallery's 2016 "Home" show opening. PROVIDED

Amapola Prada will spend 10 days inside a small glass-walled space visible from the corner of West and Gansevoort streets, living the strict life of astronauts (i.e., sleeping in shifts and mandatory exercise). Maybe we should save this planet while we still can. Feb. 9-19, whitney.org

Banned art at MoMA

President Donald Trump's immigration ban on citizens from seven Muslimmajority countries last Monday has been met with protesters occupying airports and lawyers working inside the arrivals hall to help those denied entry. The Museum of Modern Art is doing

its own bit to show what would be lost if we didn't open our borders (and minds) to these cultures. Its permanent galleries on the fifth floor now feature seven works by artists from banned countries "to affirm the ideals of welcome and freedom as vital to this Museum as they are to the United States." The pieces are sculptures, paintings and video, created by artists including the late Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid and lauded Iranian contemporary painter Charles Hossein Zenderoudi. 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org

Two takes on tattoos

To explore the techniques of tattooing, the South Street Seaport Museum focuses on Augustus Wagner, who got on a boat at age 26 from Marietta, Ohio, in 1898 to travel the world. He returned four years later a tattoo artist with over 260 artworks on his skin - he would go on to collect over 800. At "Tattooed New York," the New-York Historical Society covers more than 300 years of ink in the city with 250 artifacts, including Native American body art and sideshow attractions, with a special section about tattooed women. The exhibit covers how the scene thrived even while tattooing was banned in the city from 1961-97 for dubious reasons. Through June 7, \$12, 12 Fulton St., southstreetseaportmuseum.org Through April 30, \$20, 170 Central Park West, nyhistory.org





Jasmine Cephas Jones collaborates on a line with Lou & Grey that's almost all sold out.



TINA CHADHA @TinaatMetro

And you thought scoring "Hamilton" tickets was hard. Try getting your hands on one of the cool T-shirts or sweatshirts from the new collaboration between Jasmine Cephas Jones and Lou & Grey.

The actress, best known for playing the dual roles of Peggy Schuyler and Maria Reynolds in the Broadway phenomenon, teamed up with the retailer for a limitededition line of chilled-out T-shirts, sweatshirts and necklaces that's pretty much sold out. (Act fast, you can still score some of the jewelry, which is crafted by the Brooklyn

brand Widen). The collaboration was a perfect fit. After all Cephas Jones, a busy rising star — she sung the national anthem at the Super Bowl with her fellow Schuyler sisters, and is starring on the

final season of HBO's "Girls' - knows the importance of a good offduty look. Each night she would imme-

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huge bustles and corsets she wore during her almost-two-year run on "Hamilton" for "very comfortable clothing." The capsule — vintage inspired tops (\$45-\$75) and delicate necklaces (\$185-\$240) with phrases like "Brooklyn Original," "Love Will Conquer" and "Groove Baby" — show-case her casual cool style and Brooklyn roots.

Below, the 27-year-old tells us about her new

collection and why she can't stop wearing her red beret.

> How do you describe your personal style? My personal style changes from day to day. I just cut my hair, so I'm into a lot of cool hats. I'm really in love with my red beret. I wear

it everywhere. I never leave my house without my black combat boots. I love a ripped jean, with a turtleneck or a big button up shirt. This all sounds super casual, but I love to dress up as well.

Whose style do you admire?

I love Sophia Loren. She is such a great actress that was always proud of her curves and showed that through her fashion. She is a strong, fierce woman with no apologies.

Why did you chose phrases like "Love Will Conquer" and "Groove Baby" for the line? After meeting with Lou & Grey, we decided on different subjects that we wanted to include in the line. So I went home and wrote down a huge list of words. That's where "Groove Baby" came into play. It just means finding your own groove, your individuality. "Love Will

There's a lot going on in the world right now. We need so much love and positivity to keep us going. It's always there for us — we just have to remember.

Conquer" came later.

Long life lingerie

Madewell, who prides itself on creating the always-so-perfect staples for your capsule wardrobe, has branched into intimates, launching online and in stores today.

The simplistic but comfort-focused bralettes and undies are your trusty answer to that first layer

of the day. The collection features softto-thetouch natural fabrics — pillowy brushed cotton and lighter-than-

air lace and mesh and classic, comfortable cuts that are both modest and modern. The 42-piece line is designed to be both weekend and workweek-friendly, in muted beige, stripes and classic white or black. Bonus: most pieces are priced \$12.50-\$35, meaning they're made for wardrobe building.

We chat with designer Joyce Lee about the enduring popular-

ity of the bralette and how they incorporated Madewell's DNA into the line.

With the rise of the bralette, what did you do to make sure Madewell's version was extra special? We wanted to be sure

that once a

woman puts

the bralettes

from the collection on, she feels amazing. That meant that we needed to find the perfect fabric that had the right

amount of softness, the perfect amount of stretch recovery, and durability

that could survive being worn under almost everything — and we hope, every day! We also looked to create simple and clean lines as well as subtle details to make sure the collection felt in line with our aesthetic and approach to dressing. Each fabric group has it's own set of



design elements that set them apart.

We've seen the recurring trend of women reaching for underwear that is comfortable and practical. But now, do you see women reaching for sexier or more chic options again?

We think there's a way to balance both - why can't it be comfortable, practical, simple, but still pretty and subtly sexy? That's what we hope is evoked from our line.

Are there any special fit details hidden within the pieces that you love?

The cotton group features convertible back straps and subtle stitching details. And we chose swan hooks and double-string straps for the lace group.

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If you're looking to experiment even more, remember oatmeal isn't the only breakfast grain in the field. Polenta, quinoa and bulgur can also add the proof to

your por-

ridge. Here are four hot cereal recipes plus one for overnight oats, possibly the best breakfast hack out there - to make your winter mornings more nourishing — not to mention, hygge.

Golden Turmeric-Flax Breakfast Polenta with **Sauteed Apples**

of the Foot.

Stephanie Clarke and Willow Jarosh of C&J Nutrition favor coarse ground cornmeal, also known as polenta, for their winter mornings, "because of its smooth creamy texture and the fact that it's a whole grain, [making it] rich in nutrients like fiber and B vitamins."

They sprinkle theirs with flaxseed for omega-3's, turmeric and cinnamon for antioxidants (also adds a nice tinge of color) and add sauteed apples for a bit of sweetness and extra fiber. Protein-rich crumbled walnuts help keep you satiated.

This is a breakfast that packs in nutrition and won't leave you feeling hungry an hour later," the nutrition-duo says. Get the recipe at cjnutrition.com.

> Jackedup morning oats Make

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morning bowl of oats go the extra mile by loading it up with good stuff. Instagrammer @ veggininthecity makes hers with cashew milk, and then tops with bananas, hemp seeds, frozen berries and cinnamon. She says, "I love this recipe because it's

warm and satisfying on

and it is the perfect fuel

cold days in New York

wellbeing Make your morning breakfast bowl more exciting by switching up your toppings — and experimenting with different grains, from polenta to quinoa. ISTOCK

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for a busy day."

Overnight oats

The set-it-and-forget-it breakfast you can throw together the night before and then just wake up and eat, overnight oats will revolutionize your mornings. Make them by adding milk or water to oats (your choice of steelcut, rolled or instant), along with any other fixings you'd like, then cover and let sit in the refrigerator overnight. The Minimalist Baker

prepares hers in a mason jar, mixing (gluten-free) rolled oats with almond milk, peanut butter, chia seeds and maple syrup (or another sweetener) and then adds strawberries and bananas in the morning.

Slow cooker/ **Crock-Pot oats**

Essentially overnight oats that you can eat hot the next day, the Crock-Pot method is another breakfast oatmeal hack. You'll want to use steel

cut oats, also known as Irish oatmeal, and cook for seven to eight hours on low. (They're coarser and take longer to cook, compared to fast-cooking, rolled oats, which are presteamed and then flattened and would end up mushy after heating for so many hours.) Instagrammer @constancelyeating adds in bulgur wheat, a mineral-rich plant-based grain, to bulk up the porridge even more. Vanilla, cinnamon and raisins sweeten it up; she tops

with almonds, blueberries and chia seeds.

Breakfast quinoa bowl

Quinoa bowls: not just for sad desk lunches anymore. Food blogger Jeanine Donofrio of Love & Lemons prepares a Cinnamon Quinoa Breakfast Bowl. Simmer two parts almond milk, one part quinoa on the stove with whole cinnamon sticks, then top with coconut flakes, peaches, raspberries and sliced almonds.



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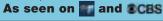
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JETS WOULD BE FOOLS TO CONSIDER BRINGING BACK REX RYAN



Thanks, but no thanks. I will pass — and the Jets should too — and under no circumstances should they think about Rex Ryan in New York ever again.

The former Bills and Jets head man began his flirtation with Woody Johnson and the Jets last week. Ryan, who was relieved of his duties before completion of year two in Buffalo, is looking for potential coaching work in the not-so-distant future. His run with the Bills was short-lived and his act and personality did not have the same kind of draw as here in New York. His act wore thin, and when the results don't come along with the personality, you find yourself out the door sooner rather than later. He also did not have the same initial success as he did with the Jets, where he took the organization to back-toback AFC Championship Game appearances. So, he did not have that success to lean on as he still has the most playoff victories of any coach in



Rex Ryan would love to return to a role within the Jets organization, but the Jets shouldn't want him. GETTY IMAGES

Jets history with four.

During Super Bowl

week, Ryan told the New York Daily News, "I'm definitely never going to say never on that one. I love New York. I do. I love the people. I got a ton of friends, lifelong friends, in that organization. I'll never say never. I don't know in what capacity, but I'll leave that open for sure."

Oftentimes, Ryan's team did not back up his words, but he is certainly entertaining. Ryan has an infectious personality that draws people in. He is a good guy and there is no question you would love to have a beer with him. He's engaging and entertaining.

But to discuss the potential of his future with the Jets when they already have a head coach is flat-out disrespectful. I get that Todd Bowles does not have the same personality as Ryan and his news conferences are not as

"I'm definitely never going to say never on that one. I love New York."

Rex Ryan, to the NY Daily News

entertaining. Who cares, as that should not be the reason why you would bring any coach back. The facts are the facts. In six seasons with the Jets he went 50-52. That is not exactly brilliant.

I get that former Jets GM John Idzik did not do him any favors in his two disastrous seasons as the general manager, and the Rex apologists are going to say that he never had a quarterback.

I would say, though, that if I gave any coach, assistant or otherwise, a great QB — they most likely would find a way to win. The NFL is

a quarterback-driven league. They beg you to throw the football and when you have a solution at the quarterback, it makes your life as a head coach a lot easier.

The problem is, Ryan has regressed as a defensive mind. The last time his teams finished in the top 10 in points allowed was 2010. He totally destroyed the Bills defense — which finished fourth in total yards, fourth in points, third in takeaways, 11th against the rush and third against the pass in 2014 — the year before Ryan arriveď. This past season, his defense in Buffalo finished 19th in total yards, 16th in points, 23rd in take-aways, 29th against the run and sixth against the pass. Don't tell me about injuries either because every team deals with injuries during an NFL season. The results are just no longer there. The bark of Rex is bigger than the bite, and it is time to move on forever.

There is no looking back, it is now about moving forward for the Jets. If only the results matched the personality of Ryan, than he would be golden. They do not. So, move on, Rex. We have seen your act already, and it does not deserve a sequel.

Brady and Goodell finally cross paths

Much to the chagrin of most Patriots fans, Tom Brady did not bash NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell over the head with the Super Bowl MVP trophy Monday morning when Goodell awkwardly presented the award to the now five-time Super Bowl champ. Goodell and Brady posed for pictures briefly as they jointly held the trophy, and there was little more than small talk between the two.

"The two gentlemen that we have here [Brady and Bill Belichick] have set new bars across the league," Goodell said to the media before handing Brady the trophy. "Five Super Bowl championships and four MVPs for

Tom Brady, cementing his legacy as not just a great Super Bowl performer but maybe one of the greatest players of all-time."

Goodell also sought out Brady immediately after the game Sunday night and shook his hand, congratulating him on an "awesome" performance. Brady was cordial with Goodell in both interactions, but the Patriots did get a few subtle digs in against the executioner of the Deflategate saga.

A Shields MRI commercial, in which Brady stars in, popped up online Monday morning. In it, Brady is told that he'll "need a bigger locker" now that he has five Super Bowl rings. Brady responds in the ad by saying, "Roger that."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft also indirectly slammed Goodell during his postgame speech on National TV in which he was given the Lombardi Trophy.

"Two years ago, we won our fourth Super Bowl down in Arizona and I told our fans that was the sweetest one of all," Kraft said. "But a lot has transpired over the last two years. And I don't think that needs any explanation. But I want to say to our fans, to our brilliant coaching staff, our amazing players who were so spectacular this is unequivocally the sweetest." MATT BURKE



Roger Goodell presented Tom Brady with the Super Bowl LI MVP award Monday morning. GETTY IMAGES

Giants should be active in free agency

A look at players the G-Men may target.



A return to the playoffs was a nice thing for the 2016 New York Giants, who had a solid 11-5 record and ended a four-season drought without the postseason. But with a shrinking window, this veteran team needs to make some significant upgrades if they want to make the Super Bowl.

Frankly, this team is far from elite.

With quarterback Eli Manning very much toward the end of a career that will likely take him to Canton, the Giants have a season or two — maybe three - with their Pro Bowl quarterback at or near his peak. With \$20 million or so under the salary cap, they have some flexibility to make moves and upgrade their roster in the next few months.

Manning can be good for a few more years and the Giants must maximize this window. They'll need to protect him better and add another weapon to the offense.

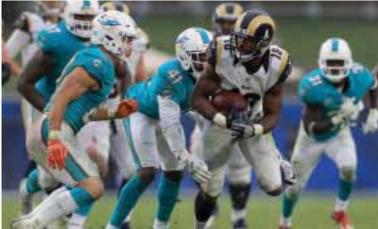
But it will take some tough choices and they have to hit home runs in every department.

Here are three things the Giants must do to be a Super Bowl contender in 2017:

Address left tackle

With almost a quixotic zeal, the Giants remained firmly committed to Ereck Flowers at left tackle despite the second-year offensive lineman having a brutal 2016 campaign. Flowers has some talent, but he's become a liability on the left side and a move to the right side might be a better fit than protecting Manning's blindside.

Target: Riley Reiff has played extensively at left tackle for the Detroit



Wide receiver Kenny Britt would be a good fit for the Giants. GETTY IMAGES

Lions, moving to right tackle with the arrival of first round pick Taylor Decker. He'd likely require a contract a little north of \$10 million but a potential move back to the left side might entice him. And if Flowers dramatically improves this offseason, then Reiff can solidify the right side.

Get a third wide receiver

While Odell Beckham Jr. is a lock and Sterling Shepard is a star in the making, the Giants just didn't get enough from Victor Cruz this year to justify a big paycheck to bring him back. He might be had for a good value but there's likely some team willing to throw money at him, perhaps a foolish move given his injury history. If an upgrade is out there at good value, the Giants must jump.

Target: While he's had

Target: While he's had some troubles off the field, Jersey guy and former Rutgers star Kenny Britt could be the possession wide receiver the Giants need. He can help their red zone of-

fense and help balance the field opposite Beckham and Shepard.

Big bodies, big problem

Johnathan Hankins might well walk in free agency and the Giants might not be able to keep their quality defensive tackle, who will surely want a pay raise. The Giants should be able to draft a defensive tackle in the later rounds but potentially could want a veteran to guide them through for a year or two.

Target: A former New York Jet, Leger Douzable could be intriguing alongside former teammate Damon Harrison in the heart of the Giants' 4-3. Douzable has put up numbers similar to Hankins and could be of better value. Douzable, who played with the Bills last season, also has a future in broadcasting and a return to the New York media market might be an asset. Plus he brings a great sack dance to the equation.

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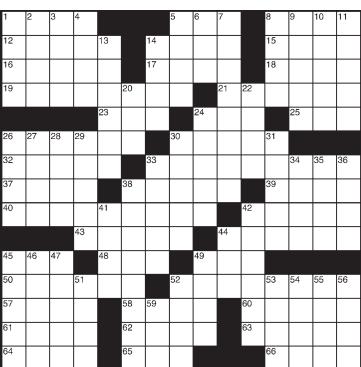
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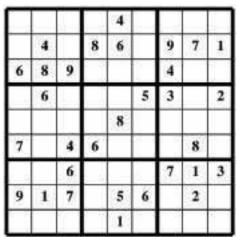
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